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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Anthony J. Green

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 06/04/04.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. The preliminary amendment submitted on 25 November 2003 has been entered.
Currently claims 1-8 are pending.

Priority

2. Receipt is acknowledged of papers submitted under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d), which papers have been placed of record in the file.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

3. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

4. Claims 1-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

In claim 1 the phrase "selected from the groups represented by the following formulae" is improper Markush terminology. The phrase should be changed to -- selected from the group consisting of -- and the term -- and -- should appear before the last formula which will overcome the rejection. Also the phrase "selected from ...and a naphthalene group" is improper Markush terminology. The phrase should be changed to -- selected from the group consisting of -- which will overcome the rejection.

Claim 4 is confusing as written. It is unclear as to what is meant by the phrases "a base of the general formula (1) represented by the general formula (4)"; "of the general formula (2) represented by the general formula (5)"; "of the general formula (3) presented by the general formula (6)"; "of the general formula (1), the general formula (3) and the general formula (3), which is represented by the same general formula (7)". What does applicant mean by these phrases? Clarification is requested. The phrases "the general formula (1)", "the general formula (2)", and "the general formula (3)" appear to lack proper antecedent basis in claim 4 as nowhere in claim 4 are the formulae found for (1), (2) and (3). The phrase "selected from the groups represented by the following formulae" is improper Markush terminology. The phrase should be changed to -- selected from the group consisting of -- and the term -- and -- should appear before the last formula which will overcome the rejection. Also the phrase "selected from ...and a naphthalene group" is improper Markush terminology. The phrase should be changed to -- selected from the group consisting of -- which will overcome the rejection.

In claim 5 the phrase "which are synthesized separately from said monoazo yellow base pigment" is vague and indefinite. What is meant by this phrase? Also, how are they synthesized from the base pigment?

The preamble of claim 7 appears to be inconsistent with claim 2 as claim 2 is not directed to a process but rather a composition. The phrase "which are synthesized separately from said monoazo yellow base pigment" is vague and indefinite. What is meant by this phrase? Also, how are they synthesized from the base pigment?

Information Disclosure Statement

5. The references cited by applicant have been considered however they are not seen to teach and/or fairly suggest the instant invention. It is noted that according to the search report submitted, US 3759733 and JP07-126546 are cited as "Y" references (particularly relevant if combined with another) however based upon the abstract of JP07-126546 it appears that this reference does not fairly teach or suggest the instant invention. The examiner has requested a full translation of this reference and reserves the right to reject the claims over this reference if necessary in the next office action.

Allowable Subject Matter

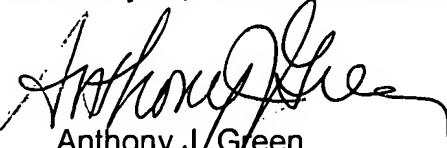
6. Claims 1-8 appear to be allowable the prior art as the prior art does not appear to teach and/or fairly suggest the instant composition and process. This indication of allowable subject matter is, however, contingent upon the receipt of a translation of JP07-126546 which has been requested by the examiner (See Item #5 above).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Anthony J. Green whose telephone number is 571-272-1367. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday 6:30-4:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jerry Lorengo can be reached on 571-272-1233. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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